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EXAMINING GROUP 2613**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 29, 2001, a one month extension of time having been obtained, and the following remarks, expedited allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

Concurrently submitted herewith are corrected formal drawings incorporating the previously filed Proposed Drawing Amendments which have now been approved by the Examiner.

As per the Examiner's request, enclosed herewith is a copy of the marked up version of the specification, abstract, and claims entitled "**Version with Markings to Show Changes Made**" which was previously filed on October 17, 2001.

It is noted that the Examiner has rejected claims 1-3, 6-7, and 22-34 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by the admitted prior art for the reasons contained in paragraph 5 on page 2 of the Office Action.

The Applicant would like to thank Examiner Y. Lee for conducting a personal interview with the undersigned Attorney on March 15, 2002 during which time the aforementioned prior art rejection was traversed on the basis of the arguments previously submitted on October 17, 2001.

During the interview, the Examiner maintained his position with regard to the prior art rejection. Nonetheless, as noted in the interview summary, the Examiner indicated that he would further consider Applicant's arguments and would later contact the undersigned Attorney via telephone. It is noted that the Examiner then contacted the undersigned Attorney via telephone on March 15, 2002 to indicate that, upon further consideration, the Examiner was persuaded that the claims of this application were patentably distinguished from the aforementioned admitted prior art.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that the present application now in fact clearly is in condition for allowance and the Examiner therefore is requested to pass this case to issue.

In the event, however that the Examiner has any comments or suggestions of a nature necessary to place this case in condition for allowance, then the Examiner is requested to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney by telephone to promptly resolve any such matters.

Respectfully submitted,

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